GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Powerloom Weavers
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the powerlooms in the country, State-wise;

(b) the welfare measures taken by the Government for the benefit of powerloom weavers keeping in view the current economic slowdown and powerlooms being on the verge of closure;

(c) whether the Government proposes to modernise small/big powerloom units;

(d) if so, the number of powerloom units modernised during each of the last three years and the current year; and

(e) the action taken/being taken by the Government to check hoarding, black-marketing and speculative activities in Powerloom sector?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a): There are approximately 5.60 Lakhs Powerloom Units with 25.74 Lakh Powerlooms in the country. The state-wise details are given in the Annexure.

(b): The Government of India has been implementing several schemes for the development /welfare for the benefit of the decentralized Powerloom Sector which include:- i) In-situ upgradation scheme for upgradation of plain powerlooms; ii) Group Workshed Scheme for giving assistance for constructing workshed for powerloom sector; iii) The Integrated Scheme for Powerloom Sector Development (ISPSD) and iv) The Group Insurance Scheme for Powerloom Sector.

(c) & (d): Government of India provides financial assistance under In-situ Upgradation of Plain Powerloom for SSI Powerloom Sector for upgrading existing plain looms to semi-automatic / looms. Under the scheme, Government of India provides financial assistance to the extent of 50%, 75% and 90% of the cost of upgradation to a maximum subsidy of Rs. 40,000, 60,000 and 72,000 per loom for General, SC and ST category applicants respectively. The number of Powerloom units modernized under In-situ Up-gradation of Plain Powerloom is as under:-

Year	No. of looms modernised	GOI Share released
2014-15	8531	9.980
2015-16	45305	59.185
2016-17**	35228	44.461
Total	89064	113.626

** upto October, 2016

(e): In order to ensure supply of Yarn to the units in Powerloom Sector, support is provided under the Integrated Scheme for Powerloom Sector Development (ISPSD) by arranging interest free corpus funds for Yarn Banks to Special Purpose Vehicles (SPV) / Cooperative Societies. This enables them to purchase yarn at wholesale rate and supply at reasonable price to member units.